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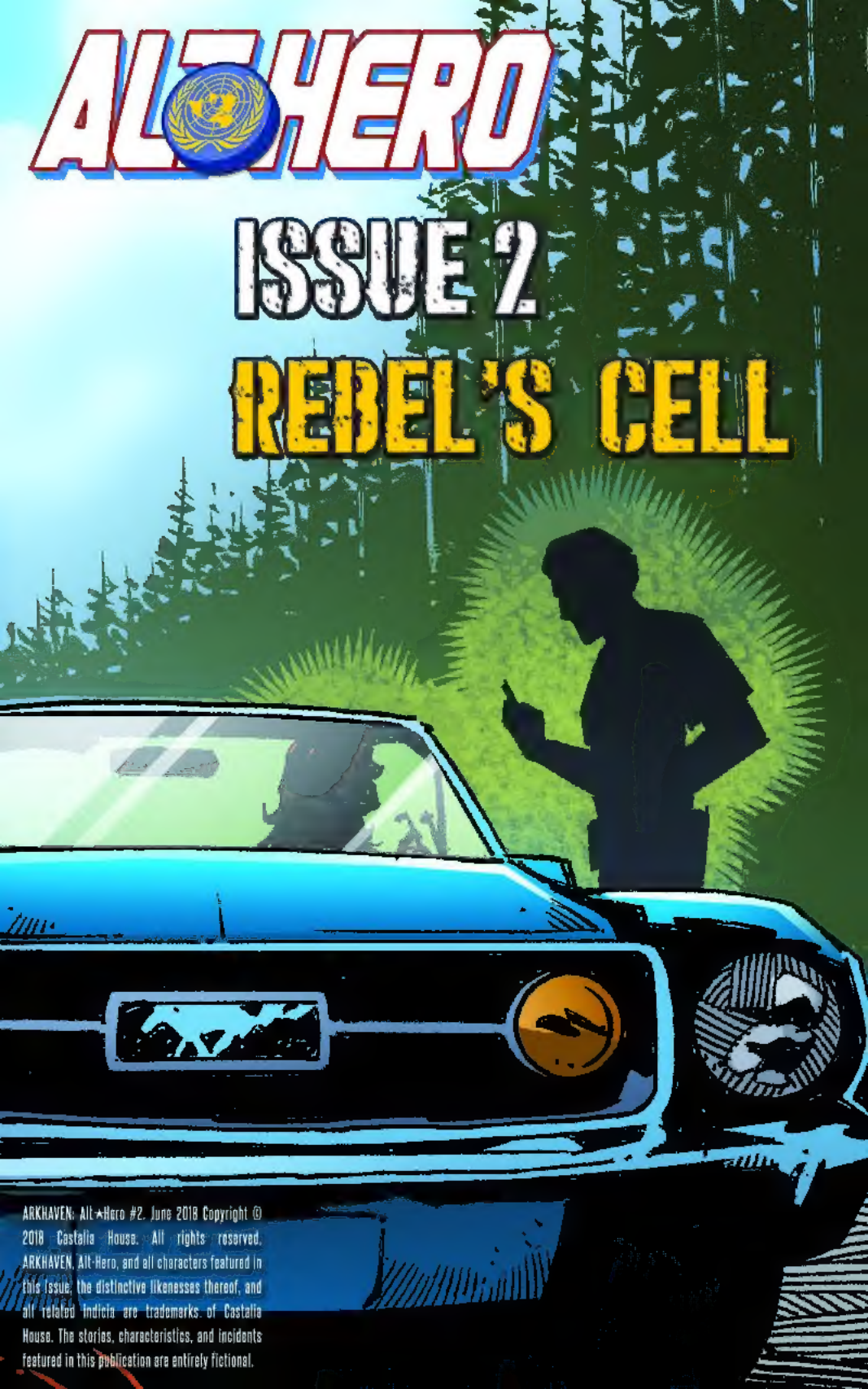

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I'VE BEEN TRAILING HIM FOR WEEKS.
HE COULD JUST BE ANOTHER VIGILANTE...
CRACK
...DOING THE JOB THE POLICE WON'T.

CLEANING UP THE STREETS ONE *ILLEGAL* AT A TIME.
500
BUT I HADN'T SEEN HIM DOING ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
NOT ON THE *PHYSICAL* SIDE, ANYWAY.
OH MY GOD, HAILEY! WHERE HAVE YOU *BEEN*?

BUT EVERYONE'S LUCK EVENTUALLY RUNS OUT.
COME ON OUT. I KNOW YOU'RE THERE.
SO YOU'RE THE SHADOW STALKER.
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, BEATING UP INNOCENT PEOPLE AND GETTING THEM DEPORTED?
HE HAS TO GO BACK.
AND YOU'VE GOT A STRANGE NOTION OF INNOCENCE IF YOU THINK HE'S NOT GETTING WHAT'S COMING TO HIM.
YOU'RE GOING TO GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU, RACIST #*$*$!
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE WARNING...
WE WON'T GIVE YOU NOTHING BUT A BEAT-DOWN.
SIX ON ONE BECOMES FIVE ON ONE.
AIEEYAH!
SNAP

DESPITE THE INITIAL SETBACK, THE ATTACKERS ARE CONFIDENT.
THUMP
THUD
I WARNED YOU!

PERHAPS THEY SHOULD *NOT* BE.
CRUNCH
FIVE ON ONE BECOMES THREE ON ONE.

THREE ON ONE BECOMES TWO ON ONE.
HOOUHH!
SMAAASH

THEN ONE ON ONE.
CRACK

WHAT *ARE* YOU?
CRUNCH
ONE HUNDRED PERCENT *GENUINE* AMERICAN BADASS.

THUNK
WITH A *FASTBALL!*

I'M IMPRESSED WITH HIS ABILITIES, AND HIS INITIATIVE.
PLEASE, MISTER, I WON'T SAY NOTHING!
WHACK
I CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR HIS RESTRAINT.
WHO ARE YOU? YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME!
YOU LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?
CERTAINLY NOT. BUT I BELIEVE YOU HAVE FOUND IT.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THAT IS?
ANTIFA SCUM. THEY'RE ALL THE SAME TO ME.
PERHAPS, BUT HIS FATHER IS THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
YOU'VE BEEN CARELESS. THEY WILL FIND YOU.
I'LL MAKE THEM PAY IF THEY DO.
WHAT IF I CAN GIVE YOU A WAY TO MAKE THEM ALL PAY? EVEN THE REAL PLAYERS?
IF YOU CAN GIVE ME THAT, I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO HELL ITSELF.

MICHAEL MARTEL.
I'M KNOWN AS IMMOTUS.
I DON'T SUPPOSE I CAN KEEP MY JOB?
NO.
OR GO HOME TO PICK UP SOME CLOTHES?
NO.
SO I'M PRETTY MUCH SCREWED.
ESSENTIALLY, YES.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
SOMEWHERE THEY AREN'T GOING TO FIND YOU.
THE POLICE?
THE SPC.
YOU MEAN THE UN AGENCY? THE SUPER COPS?
WHEN WORD GETS OUT, THEY'LL SEND OUT A TEAM TO BRING YOU IN.
I DON'T WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM!
I'M AFRAID THEY AREN'T IN THE HABIT OF ASKING YOUR OPINION.

SOMEWHAT TO MY SURPRISE, MR. MARTEL DOESN'T ASK ME ANY QUESTIONS.
POLICE
HE DOESN'T ASK ME WHY I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HIM.
OR WHY I'M HELPING HIM NOW.
PERHAPS HE SENSES A KINDRED SPIRIT. PERHAPS HE'S TIRED OF FIGHTING ALONE.
DON'T WORRY... WE WON'T STAY HERE LONG.
THIS IS A FRIEND OF MINE. HE'S GOING TO VET YOU.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
HOLD OUT THAT PIPE, PLEASE.
I CAN'T SEE WHAT SOULSIGHT SEES, BUT JUDGING BY HIS REACTION, IT'S NOTHING TOO DISTURBING.

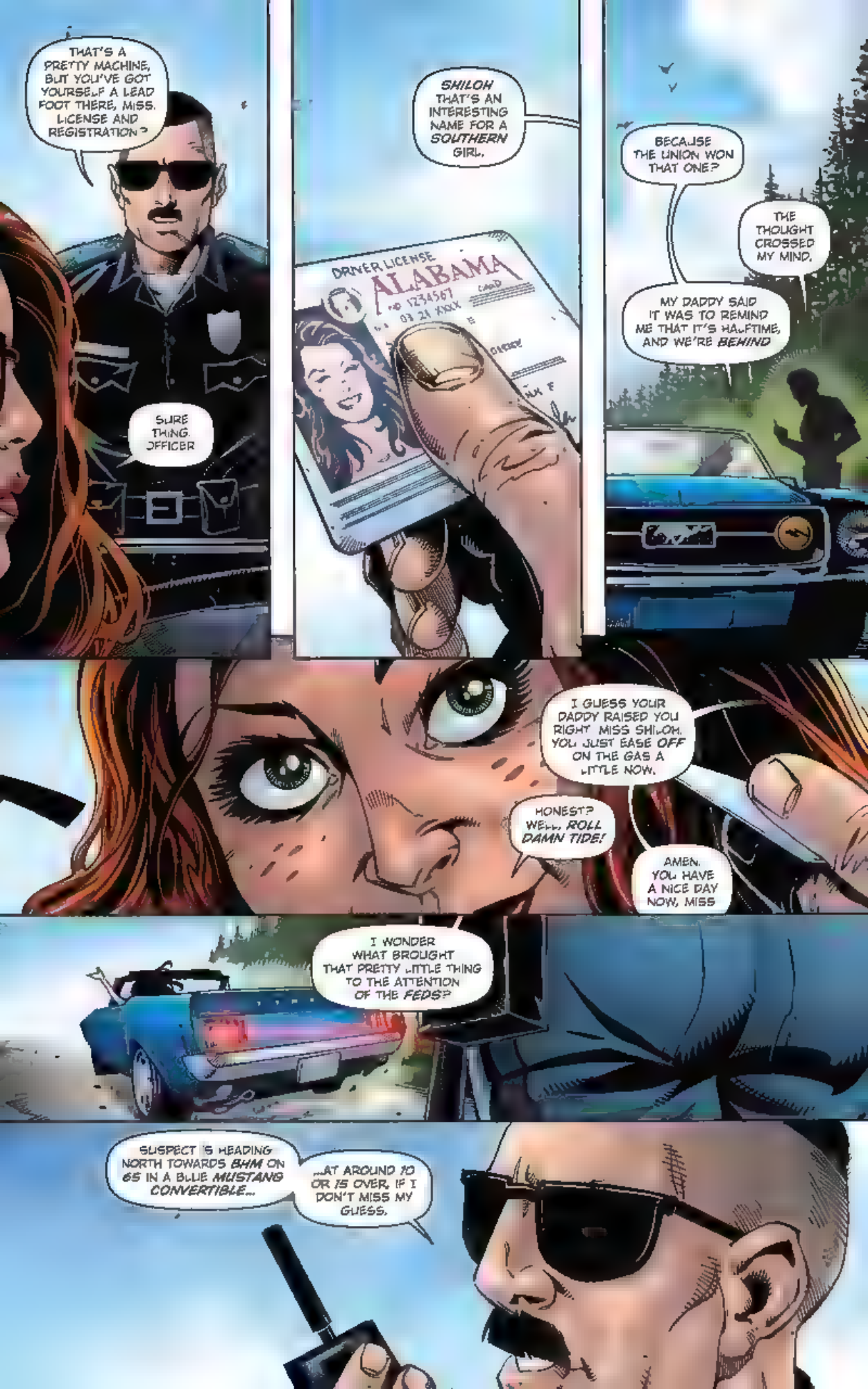
THEN AGAIN, IT TAKES A *LOT* TO DISTURB HIM.
WHAT'S THE WORST THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?
WHAT?
THE MOST PAINFUL EVENT... THE MOST *TRAUMATIC.*
WHAT *IS* THIS? I DON'T LIKE THIS GUY.
IT'S OKAY. JUST RELAX.
NEVER MIND, JUST GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH YOU?
MORE THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY KNOW.
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? I DON'T GET IT.
HE'S FEELING YOUR *PAIN.*
WHAT PAIN? I'M FINE.
THE PAIN OF YOUR PAST.

OH..
THE WORST PAIN OF YOUR PAST.
POOR BASTARD.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
HE'S WELL-ADJUSTED, DESPITE THE RAGE THAT FUELS HIM.
REMARKABLE. A MAN OF POTENTIAL, THEN.
HEY, I'M NOT ANGRY ALL THE TIME!
MR. MARTEL, MEET SOULSIGHT
HOLD ON. WAS HE JUST LOOKING AT MY SOUL?
I CANNOT SEE THE HUMAN SOUL, THANK THE LORD.
IF WHAT I CAN SEE S A RELIABLE GUIDE, IT WOULD BE MORE THAN ANY HUMAN MIND COULD BEAR.
OR YOUR LIVER, FOR THAT MATTER.
CHRIST! I COULD USE A DRINK MYSELF

SO I ASSUME YOU AREN'T HELPING ME OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF YOUR HEARTS.
WE BELIEVE YOU CAN BE OF PARTICULAR USE TO US.
WHY IS THAT?
WE NEED A TANK, METAPHORICALLY SPEAKING
BY WHICH YOU MEAN THAT YOU'RE IN NEED OF SOME MUSCLE.
INDEED WE ARE
BUT YOU NEED US AS MUCH AS WE NEED YOU. PERHAPS MORE
YOU GET ALL THAT FROM LOOKING IN MY HEAD?
IT IS NOT MERELY THE POLICE WHO'LL BE HUNTING YOU. THE PROTECTION COUNCIL, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND EVEN FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WILL BE AFTER YOU NOW
THEY'VE BEEN AFTER US FOR YEARS. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THEM.
WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THAT?
WHO'S MANY OF YOU ARE THERE?
THE TWO YOU SEE HERE.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE? I CAN'T GO BACK TO MY JOB... I CAN'T EVEN WORK!
I TOLD YOU I WOULD HELP YOU FIGHT THEM.
BUT INSTEAD OF FIGHTING THE SYMPTOMS, YOU'LL FIGHT THE DISEASE WITH US.
WHAT'S THE DISEASE? HOW DO WE FIGHT IT?
ONE STEP AT A TIME. FIRST WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RESCUE SOMEONE SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

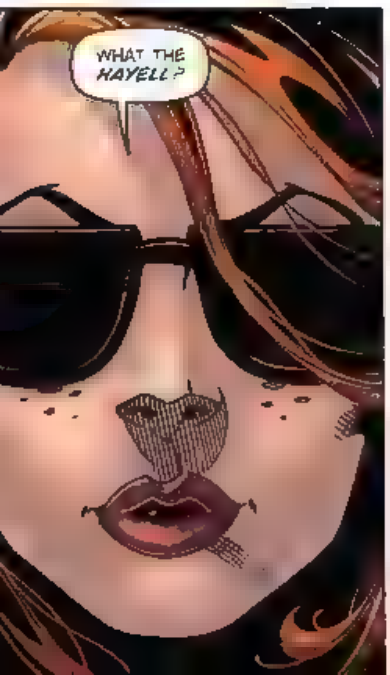
SIX WEEKS PRIOR.
...WE ALL DID WHAT WE COULD DO...
WOO HOO HOO!
RING
RING
RING
Danny
YEAH, I AIN'T DOING NOTHIN' MUCH. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I CAN PICK HER UP, BABY.

...COWBOY, BABY... WITH THE TOP LET BACK AND THE SUNSHINE SHININ'
...SHOOT TO THRILL... READY TO KILL!...
WELL, FUDGESTICKS!


THAT'S A PRETTY MACHINE, BUT YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A LEAD FOOT THERE, MISS. LICENSE AND REGISTRATION?
SURE THING, OFFICER
SHILOH THAT'S AN INTERESTING NAME FOR A SOUTHERN GIRL.
DRIVER LICENSE
ALABAMA
BECAUSE THE UNION WON THAT ONE?
THE THOUGHT CROSSED MY MIND.
MY DADDY SAID IT WAS TO REMIND ME THAT IT'S HALFTIME, AND WE'RE BEHIND
I GUESS YOUR DADDY RAISED YOU RIGHT MISS SHILOH. YOU JUST EASE OFF ON THE GAS A LITTLE NOW.
HONEST? WELL, ROLL DAMN TIDE!
AMEN. YOU HAVE A NICE DAY NOW, MISS
I WONDER WHAT BROUGHT THAT PRETTY LITTLE THING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDS?
SUSPECT IS HEADING NORTH TOWARDS BHM ON 65 IN A BLUE MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE...
...AT AROUND 10 OR 15 OVER, IF I DON'T MISS MY GUESS.

COPY THAT, HIGHWAY PATROL. APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.
ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN. *ETA* 90 SECONDS. WE TAKE THIS ONE DOWN *EASY*, UNDERSTOOD?

INTEL SAYS WE *MAY* HAVE TROUBLE HITTING HER WITH PROJECTILES.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN EXACTLY?
MAYBE SHE'S FAST, MAYBE SHE'S HARD. WE'LL FIND OUT SOON.


WHAT THE *HAYELL*?

WHAT'S GOING ON?
NATIONAL SECURITY MISS SUMMERS. I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE THAN THAT. STEP OUT OF THE CAR, PLEASE

NATIONAL SECURITY? COME ON! MOVE YOUR DARN TRUCK SO I CAN TURN AROUND!
PLEASE GET OUT OF THE CAR, MISS.
SHE'S GOING FOR A GUN!
YOU WANT BAMA?
YOU WANT BAMA?
YOU GOT BAMA!
GODDAMN YANKEE BASTARDS!

MMMMMPH!
RELAX, MISS SUMMERS. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU.
WELL, THAT WENT SOUTH FAST. FEISTY LITTLE MINX.
BETTER KEEP HER SEDATED UNTIL SHE'S SAFELY IN TREMAINE.
UHHHHH!
GOOD MORNING, MISS SUMMERS. I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.
WHAT? WHERE AM I?
I REMEMBER YOU! YOU WERE AT THE ROADBLOCK!
I'M DR KELBY MISS SUMMERS, IT S MY DUTY TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN INTO THE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE SUPERHUMAN PROTECTION COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE SINGAPORE TREATY

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!
NO, MISS SUMMER, WE CAN MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE NO CHOICE N THE MATTER.
WHEN CAN I GET OUT OF HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WE'LL REMOVE THOSE CHAINS IF YOU PROMISE TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
I PROMISE TO STICK 'EM UP YOUR YANKEE BACKSIDES! TAKE 'EM OFF NOW!
I THINK SHE'S GOING TO NEED MORE TIME TO PROCESS THE SITUATION.
I CONCUR

WE BELIEVE SHE'S BEING HELD *HERE*, IN THE HIGH-SECURITY INTAKE CELLS.
NOW IT'S TIME TO MEET THE REST OF THE TEAM.
RYU NO SEISHIN, DREAMFORGE, AND QUANTUM KITTY
CALL ME *KAT*
THIS IS *HAMMER*. HE SHOULD REDUCE THE TIME YOU'LL NEED TO GET THROUGH THE WALLS.
HOW DO WE GET THROUGH SIX-INCH STEEL WALLS?
WHAT YOU CAN'T CRUSH, I WILL CUT
DAMN! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL GO IN. YOU'LL HAVE TO MEMORIZE THE WAY, BECAUSE ALL ELECTRONICS WILL BE DOWN.
WE JUST GO STRAIGHT IN?
WE HAVE A FEW *DISTRACTIONS* PLANNED. THEY WON'T EVEN NOTICE YOU.

THEY'RE LATE.
BE PATIENT IMMOTUS SAID TO WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL.
WHAT IF WE MISSED IT?
NO CHANCE OF THAT. YOU HAVEN'T MET SKYCRACKER
CAN HE KILL THE POWER?
NO, THAT WILL BE UP TO SHUTDOWN.
TWO GUARDS UP TOP. I HOPE HE BROUGHT YOU-KNOW-WHO, TOO.
CRAAAACK
CRAAAACK
IS THAT THE SIGN?
NO, THAT'S JUST HEADSHOT DOING HIS THING.
THAT'S THE SIGN!
DIGITALS ARE DOWN. WE SHOULD HAVE TEN MINUTES.
LET'S MOVE! FOLLOW ME!
I'LL SCOUT AHEAD.
GO ON, HAMMER. IT'S YOUR TURN, BIG GUY!
HOW'D SHE DO THAT?

WELL, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE YOUR USES.
LIVING CLEAN, FRIEND.
LOOK OUT!
ALL CLEAR!
THWAPP
RIGHT HERE, BIG GUY!
BETTER STEP BACK, MA'AM.
M'SS.
HUUAH!
RAKAAM
SHE'S IN THIS ONE.
STAND ASIDE, I'LL--
WHY DON'T WE SEE IF *THIS* WORKS FIRST? I LIBERATED IT FROM THE GUARD.

GO TO HELL ! AIN'T PROMISIN' YOU NOTHIN'
ARE YOU SURE WE GOT THE RIGHT CELL?
WE AREN'T WITH THE SPC, DEAR
WE'RE HERE TO RESCUE YOU, MISS SUMMERS.
COME ON! LET'S GO! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
GET HER OUT! WE'LL COVER OUR TRACKS.
WATCH OUT FOR THE SEARCHLIGHTS!
SOME OF US AREN'T SEE-THROUGH, KITTY-KAT
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

WHAT'S WITH THE RELIC?
SHUTDOWN WOULD HAVE FRIED ANYTHING NEWER. HE'S A WALKING EMP

WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?
I'D LIKE TO SAY YOU'RE SAFE, BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT'S TRUE.
GOOD ENOUGH. ROLL TIDE.

HEY, THERE THEY ARE!

WHERE WERE YOU TWO? WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
NEVER MIND THAT. TIME TO FLY!

ARE YOU TELLING ME THEY SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SHUT DOWN THE POWER *AND* ALL THE ELECTRONICS?
WE'RE LOOKING INTO IT, DIRECTOR.
THEN THEY BLEW A HOLE IN THE WALL AND WALKED *RIGHT IN?*
IT MAY BE WORSE THAN THAT, DIRECTOR. THERE'S NO SIGN THAT *EXPLOSIVES* WERE *USED.*
THAT MEANS WE'RE DEALING WITH *MILITARY GRADE* ABILITIES. WE'RE NOT EQUIPPED FOR THAT
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE MISSING GIRL? HER CRICK-WATSON SCORE IS NOTHING SPECIAL
WE BELIEVE SHE WAS A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY. SIX PROGRAM RECRUITS WERE FOUND DEAD IN THEIR CELLS.
WHO DID THIS? WHO COULD PULL IT OFF?
I SAY IT WAS THE *RUSSIANS*. IF NOT THEM, MAYBE THE CHINESE
THERE IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY
WHAT IF THE *PRESIDENT* INTENDS TO BREAK SINGAPORE?
HE MAY HAVE SET UP HIS OWN SUPER-OPS TEAM.
IN THAT CASE, GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE A WAR ON OUR HANDS... THE *FIRST SUPERHUMAN WAR.*

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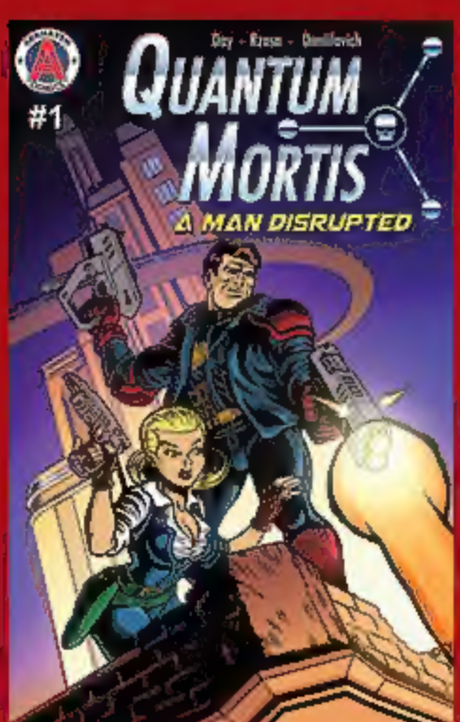

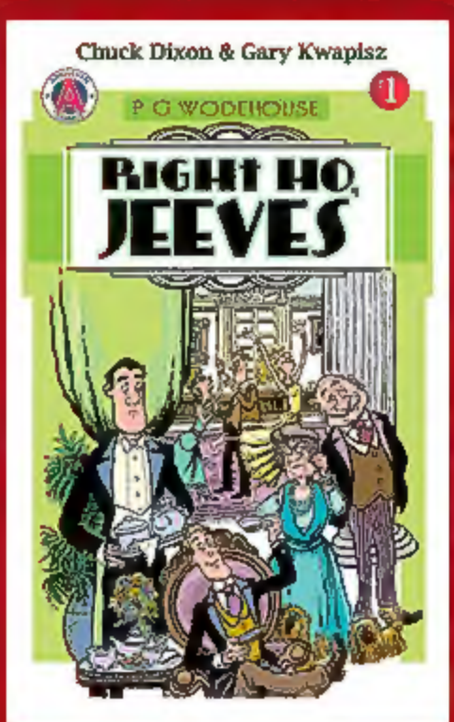

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